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The National Capital Consortium Graduate Medical Education Executive Committee met on 4 March 2003.

In attendance were COL M. Catherine Nace, MC USA, Lt Col Albert Brewster, USAF MS, COL Carl Gunderson, MC USA (Ret), Ms. MaryLou Walker, Mr. Jeff Fennwald, Ms. Michelle Clampitt, Ms. Vickie S. Montgomery, Ms. Lavonda Dunn-Williams, Dr. Fauver chaired the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Budget and Finance Issues:** A discussion was held concerning the payment for various program expenses. The NCC will pay for in-service examination fees for integrated programs. Those unique to the individual facilities will continue to be paid by the parent institution. TDY costs will be budgeted by NCC but will stay with the facilities for disbursement. COL Nace will attempt to develop a mechanism to set aside funds for resident TDY at the facility level. The issue of whether only TDYs associated with paper presentation will be funded is still a matter for discussion; NNMC and MGMC currently have no such restriction leaving only WRAMC with the policy.
- 2. Military Deployment Updates:** About 75% of NNMC staff will be deployed with 50% backfill from the reserves. MGMC and WRAMC are suffering staff shortages as well but thus far are able to sustain the training mission. Anesthesia is a particular problem area.
- 3. New Institutional and Common Program Requirements:** Dr. Fauver called attention to the new requirements that will take effect on 1 July 2003. The new restrictions on work hours are included as well as a new requirement for an annual report to the organized medical staff and the governing body. The current annual report with minor modifications can meet the requirement with the Council of Deputies serving as the surrogate for the organized medical staff and the Board of Directors serving as the governing body.

- 4. HIPAA Compliance and MOU Status:** Review of current and pending MOUs showed a number of uncompleted agreements. The NCC is in the process of resolving these issues. The requirement to complete HIPAA Business Associate Agreements with our participating facilities on behalf of the ACGME was discussed. It is hoped that the issue will be further clarified at the Accreditation Workshop in Chicago later this week. This will act as an incentive to identify all outstanding agreements currently being honored that were negotiated by the individual members.
- 5. Policy on Resident TDYs:** As noted above, the policy on resident TDY for meetings is not internally consistent. The issue will also be discussed at the GMEC in the future.
- 6. Internal Review Issues:** Dr. Gunderson discussed the current status of internal reviews. He noted that the new process for identifying Chairs for the panels utilizing the Department Chairs seems to be working well and is a vast improvement over the previous system.
- 7. Items from the Floor:** Dr. Nace expressed concern over faculty burnout in the face of deployments and an ever-increasing administrative burden.

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